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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 6, 9 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A food comprising an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor containing a mixture of a plurality of peptides an oligopeptide(s) having angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitory activity and a polypeptide, said mixture being obtained by the steps of:

digesting a fish meat with thermolysin enzyme to produce a hydrolyzate, and

treating the hydrolyzate with membrane or by solvent extraction with a polar organic solvent to reduce the content of polypeptide having a molecular weight of at least 5000 to at most 10 % by weight of the total polypeptide hydrolyzate in the mixture.

2. (Currently Amended) A food according to Claim 1, wherein the mixture of the plurality of peptides comprises oligopeptide(s) having angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitory activity is at least one selected from the group consisting of

Ile-Tyr (SEQ. ID. NO. 2),

Phe-Gln-Pro (SEQ. ID. NO. 3),

Ile-Leu-Tyr (SEQ. ID. NO. 4),

Ile-Tyr-Ala (SEQ. ID. NO. 5),

Ile-Lys-Trp (SEQ. ID. NO. 6),

Leu-Lys-Tyr-Pro (SEQ. ID. NO. 7),



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Ile-Val-Arg-Asp (SEQ. ID. NO. 8),

Leu-Lys-Pro-Asn-Met (SEQ. ID. NO. 9),

Ile-Trp-His-His-Thr (SEQ. ID. NO. 10),

Ala-Leu-Pro-His-Ala (SEQ. ID. NO. 11),

Ile-Lys-Pro-Leu-Asn-Tyr (SEQ. ID. NO. 12),

Asp-Tyr-Gly-Leu-Tyr-Pro (SEQ. ID. NO. 13), and

Ile-Val-Gly-Arg-Pro-Arg-His-Gln-Gly (SEQ. ID. NO. 14).

- 3. (Previously Amended) The food of Claim 1, wherein the fish meat is a dried fish meat.
- 4. (Previously Amended) The food of Claim 2, wherein the fish meat is a dried fish meat.
- 5-6. (Currently Canceled)
- 7. (Previously Amended) The food of Claim 3, wherein the dried fish is a dried bonito.
- 8. (Previously Amended) The food of Claim 4, wherein the dried fish is a dried bonito.
- 9-10. (Currently Canceled)